

## THE LEOPARD AND THE CARDINAL

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A Leopard named Alan noticed a Cardinal because she was a bright, beautiful red bird, in the tropical rainforest.

Alan said, "What is your name?"

The Cardinal said, "My name is Megan."

Alan said, "You are beautiful!"

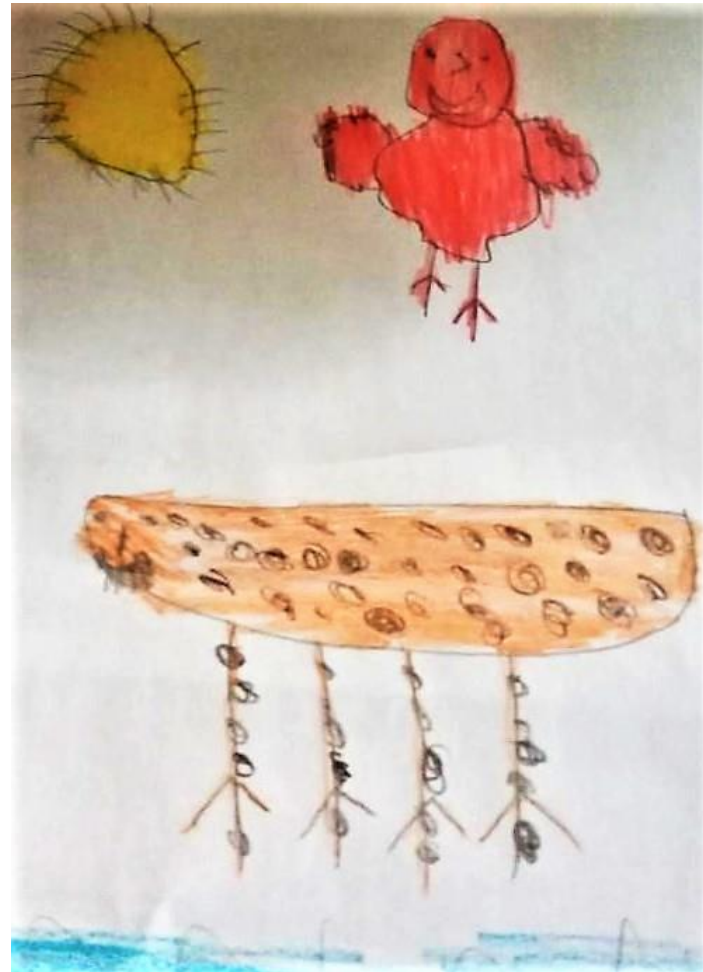
Megan said, "You are handsome and you run fast."

Alan said, "You can fly fast, and you are the only one I see with your bright red feathers."

Alan said, "I hunt animals in the forest except one. I do not eat red cardinals like you."

Alan ran fast through the rainforest, and Megan flew fast and high in the sky with Alan. Alan and Megan saw many animals including snakes, frogs and turtles.

Megan and Alan spent a lot of time together.



Then, Alan and Megan decided to become boyfriend and girlfriend. They rode together off into the sunset.

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***People can look different on the outside and like each other on the inside, and they can fall in love.***